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**OROVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IMPRISONMENT  
FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OVER THE INTERNET**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CLINTON PALMER STEWART, 20, of Oroville, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr., to 87 months imprisonment for distributing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant pleaded guilty in Sacramento on November 22, 2004.

This case is the product of an investigation by Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper, the 87-month sentence was at the top of the Sentencing Guideline range applicable to STEWART's offense. At sentencing, Judge Damrell noted that, "the conduct is reprehensible" and that the offense constitutes "behavior that won't be tolerated."

At the time of his guilty plea, STEWART admitted that he had downloaded large amounts of child pornography from the Internet and made those images available for download by others around the world using peer-to-peer software programs. He also admitted to having sexually abused at least two minors previously, an admission that increased his sentence in this case.

Following completion of his prison sentence, STEWART will serve a five-year term of supervised release.

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